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is a wise course to pursue. So, it appearing there will be additional discussion, I'm going to listen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator. There are no further lights on. Senator Landis, did you wish to close on the advancement of LB 51?

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me do this, if I can offer Senator Chambers a minute of my time, Senator Beutler a minute of time, then I'll take the last couple of minutes, if I could, so that we hear from both sides. Senator Chambers, if you'd like some time to summarize.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, because I got into the discussion late, and thank you, Senator Landis, I will look at the bill and consider the issues between now and Select File. But at this time, I am not knowledgeable and comfortable enough to yote for it.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, Senator Landis, thank you. And I don't want to take any more time. I'm going to vote to advance it right now. I think the bill in and of itself is good, I think it broadens our...broadens our commissioner's powers. If this were just the matter of a bill that Senator Landis had brought forward for ourselves I would be in favor of it. But I do think, and I hope there's further conversation on Select File about the whole process because what we are doing is shoving this substantive matter forward into a process that's unknown to us, totally unknown to us and uncontrolled by us. The insurance commissioners are in no way structured in a way that's within If it were a compact we could just say, okay our control. commissioners, you be the compact group and we'll structure that and we'll have some say about the compact and all of that. But all this that we're beginning now is nebulous. And I suppose you could say, okay, well we'll straighten out the process of how we deal with this, once we've got some material to work on, and I guess that's what we're going to do, but perhaps we can